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Dear Interested Party:

The Kaibab National Forest is now accepting comments on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that has been prepared to analyze the potential effects to Forest resources regarding removal of two lookout towers on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest. These buildings are being proposed for removal due to Forest Service concerns for public and employee safety. This project was not scoped initially, rather the intent for this analysis is to combine the scoping and comment period with public review of this Draft EA, in an effort to expedite this project. The responsible official has decided to combine the scoping period with the legal comment period.

The EA, along with other information about the project, is available for review online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57388> and the Williams Ranger District (address below). Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Victoria Payne, NEPA Planner, at (928) 635-5632 or Victoria.payne@usda.gov.

Comments concerning this project must be in writing and may be delivered electronically or by mail, facsimile, or hand. Comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*, the newspaper of record. Publication of this notice is expected, but not guaranteed, to occur on January 28, 2020. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object to a draft decision on this project must meet the requirements outlined at 36 CFR 218.5. Names and addresses of commenters become part of the public record.

Please mark comments "Attention: Lookout Tower Removal." Written comments may be submitted via any of the following methods:

- Email: comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@usda.gov
- Mail or hand deliver to:

Victoria Payne
Williams Ranger District
742 South Clover Road
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Business hours for the office listed above is: Weekdays, 8:00 am- 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

Electronic comments may be submitted in Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), or Hyper Text Markup Language (.html).

Thank you for your interest in the management of National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,

ANDREW KELHER
Deputy District Ranger, Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts

